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EDITORIAL

Twenty-five years ago on June 24, 1947, Kenneth Arnold signalled the beginning of the current UFO sightings phenomenon when he reported seeing 'Flying Saucers' flying near Mount Rainier, Washington, U.S.A.

As most of our readers will appreciate, while Arnold's report was the beginning of the modern sightings era, he was not the first to report Unidentified Flying Objects. There have been widespread sightings made during most periods of history. From records dating back to the time of the Biblical Patriarchs (3,000 years B.C.) and from the contemporary cultures of the Egyptians, Indians, Chinese, Japanese and some South American civilizations, to the present time, we learn of sightings of Gods, Space Visitors, Flying Shields, Airships, Lights in the Sky, Flying Saucers and Unidentified Phenomena.

When looked at in perspective, our twenty-five years of sightings are only a minute portion of the overall scene. It is therefore disappointing to see that over the years a number of large and worthwhile organizations have folded, mainly because they see no answer to the questions, and feel that such an answer

is not readily forthcoming, if ever.

The real question is - should we keep going as a society when the enigma seems to be just as far from resolution as it did twenty-five years ago? We feel that we are achieving results, despite the time taken to do so. As more and more people are coming to realise, the field covers an enormous spectrum, and it is only by studying a wide variety of allied subjects that we can ever hope to solve the mystery.

A major part of our work, as a society, is to hold a position from which we can disseminate the current knowledge of the UFO field and keep our members and the general public informed. Our magazine goes out to over five hundred members, and to another couple of hundred unaffiliated readers, as well as to more than twenty-five other UFO research organizations. It is by spreading our information over such a wide area that we can hope to keep a reasonable percentage of the population informed on developments concerning the UFO phenomenon.

It may well prove then that, while we as an organization fail to solve the mystery, one of our many readers, either in Australia or overseas, may as a result of what we have published, find the key to the great enigma of the past four thousand years. ●

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UFOS OVER AND UNDER THE SEA UP NORTH - WITH ONE CAUGHT IN THE SECURITY NET!

A Queensland Bureau Report

Spread out a map of North Queensland and Papua, New Guinea, pinpoint Tully in Queensland and Goodenough Bay in Papua. Place your ruler on Tully and Goodenough Bay and note how Bougainville Reef, about 120 miles east of Cooktown, in the Coral Sea, falls in line with your ruler.

We are all familiar with the Tully Nest sighting of 19th January 1966, and with Father Gill's classic sightings of 26th, 27th and 28th June 1959, in the vicinity of Goodenough Bay, when men were seen on the 'top deck' of a UFO during two of those nights.

Our information suggests that these two areas continue to experience UFO activity from time to time.

A very recent report from the Reverend Canon N.C.G. Cruttwell of Papua (the trustworthy and accurate reporter of UFO activity in this area, including The Gill Sightings of 1959 - see *FLYING SAUCERS OVER PAPUA* by the Reverend Norman C.G. Cruttwell, M.A. Oxon., a 45-page foolscap report recently reproduced by the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau) tells of a USO, or Unidentified Submarine Object, sighting in the waters of Goodenough Bay in more recent times. Here is the story, based on the original sighting report

and reported by Reverend Cruttwell:-

QUOTE- On a night in the month of April 1970, a remarkable submarine object was seen by Mr. Albert Robins, Store Manager, of Rabaraba, Milne Bay District.

He was travelling in a small coastal motorboat from Rabaraba to Cape Vogel, about one hour north of Rabaraba on the waters of Goodenough Bay.

The time was about 2.00 a.m. and the night was clear. The sea was reasonably calm. There were five Papuan crew on board who also witnessed the object.

A brilliant light appeared beneath the sea on the starboard side and a huge brilliantly lit object rose slowly from below the water until it was about three-quarter submerged. Mr. Robins estimates its size to have been about 80 feet in length. Its width and thickness were difficult to estimate because of the submersion, but it would have been at least four times as long as high (and wide). Its shape was cigar-shaped, with both ends pointed. He saw no detail of surface or any irregularities or protrusions. The object was self-luminous, dazzlingly bright so that it hurt the eyes to look at it.

It was travelling at exactly the same speed

as the boat, i.e., seven knots, and paced it for four minutes. Mr. Robins and all the Papuan crew were, needless to say, terrified, and tried to take evasive action by turning to port, but the object did likewise and followed them relentlessly, keeping about 20 feet away from the boat on the starboard beam. They turned two complete circles before shaking it off. The crew were shouting with amazement and fear but, apart from this and the sound of the sea, they heard no sound from the object which seemed to be completely silent.

The object then suddenly started to descend into the depths until its light faded and it was gone. The sailors immediately turned back and made with all speed back to Rabaraba, and did not set out again until after daylight.

The people knew of this object and called it a floating reef. They said it appeared quite frequently all over Goodenough Bay. It has apparently been seen off Cape Vogel and also from Cogura, in Bartle Bay. It was witnessed before off Rabaraba by Mr. Otto Alder, then A.D.C., in 1968. -UNQUOTE.

Some USOs become UFOs, leaving the sea, continuing their journey from water- to air-environment without 'missing a beat', so to speak. Some of these ocean-to-air sightings have occurred in our time, but the following report was taken from the records of The French Astronomical Society (reference: *ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON* by Jacques Vallee) and dated 1887: In the North Atlantic Ocean, an object emerged from the sea, moved against the wind, stopped close to a ship, then quickly flew away to the S.E. It was observed for five minutes.

It was an airborne unidentified craft that made news over Bougainville Reef in 1965 - news, that is, for UFO researchers but not for newspapermen. So quickly was the security net cast around this incident, newsmen didn't hear of the sighting until fourteen months later! In fact, if a civilian UFO researcher hadn't been by chance in the right place at the right time, this sighting would have remained unknown to all but a handful of officials concerned.

First appearing in the American NICAP 'UFO INVESTIGATOR', the Bougainville Reef incident was the sighting that had everything - an authoritative source, more than one witness, the involvement of a civilian airliner, photographs of the UFO taken by the pilot, tape recordings of the conversation between the buzzed plane and the mainland control tower - everything, that is, except official recognition.

Mr. Peter Norris, President of the then Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation (CAPIO) whose Patron was Air Marshal Sir George Jones, wrote about the Bougainville Reef sighting to the Department of Air. The Directorate of Air Force Intelligence (then Squadron Leader R.J. Wheeler) replied in the negative, closing his letter as follows: "Thank you for the copy of the report but as this is the first information the RAAF has received concerning the incident it is not possible to provide any further details."

CAPIO also wrote to the Director-General Civil Aviation. Their reply also was negative and concluded with an error. The DCA letter ended: "I am also advised by TAA that they have no report within their reporting system of any unusual sighting by one of their Captains on the 28 May, 1965." The error is the airline concerned - it was an ANSETT-ANA plane, not a TAA one as DCA mentioned; naturally, TAA would have no record of the incident.

ANSETT-ANA was written to by the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau about the Bougainville Reef sighting, since it was an ANSETT-ANA plane and crew that was buzzed by the UFO. ANSETT-ANA has never acknowledged, let alone answered, the letter of enquiry.

Here, then, is the sighting that never (officially) happened:-

DATE: 28 May, 1965.

TIME: 3.25 a.m.

POSITION: Bougainville Reef, Coral Sea.

An ANSETT-ANA DC6 on flight from Brisbane to Port Moresby, called up Townsville Control Tower, reporting that they were (to page 7)

ARE UFOS BEHIND THE GAS EXPLOSION SYNDROME?

F.W.H. Wilks

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The following article was received from Mr. Frank Wilks, President of UFO RESEARCH PROJECTS OF AUSTRALASIA. U.F.O.R.P.A. has been undertaking research projects on various aspects of ufology as this article discloses.
-VUFORS-
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If not a war of the worlds, then at least an alien campaign of harrassment is taking place right under our collective noses. It is my firm conviction that UFOs are besieging us with hit-run guerilla tactics in a war of harrassment, which appears to the public as run-of-the-mill catastrophies caused by freaks of nature!

The first indication of this increase in the rate of coincidence came after UFO RESEARCH PROJECTS OF AUSTRALASIA launched a programme to investigate the effects and after-effects of UFO visitations. Then, because UFOs had been observed at the scenes of a number of mystery gas explosions, this became one of the projects for investigation.

Mr. Barry Taylor, Senior Vice President and Investigator responsible for the project, began by plotting random reports. By mid-1971 he found a pattern had begun to evolve - where no pattern should be.

We considered the possibility that perhaps he was not getting enough information, so he wrote to the Head Office of the New South Wales Fire Department. Unfortunately, the

Department replied that they were not in a position to pass on the information.

Undaunted, Mr. Taylor continued to plot the N.S.W. reports, gathered via the news media, and the pattern became stronger. A belt of explosions appeared which began at Richmond Aerodrome and continued through to Kernell on the coast. Then, crossing this explosion belt, were three separate belts of fires. These crossed at similar angles and were approximately the same distance apart, forming a lopsided cross.

For my part, I began to take an increasing interest in the world scene. It seemed the world had gone mad. Planes were exploding everywhere, ships too were exploding and sinking. Even cars and portable gas stoves, town gas lines and ammonia gas cylinders were exploding. Why this sudden fury of gas explosions, I wondered?

I phoned the Sydney Gas Light Company, but did not get past the first rung on the red-tape ladder. Then on October 19, 1971 I wrote to The Commonwealth Industrial Gases Limited (C.I.G.), requesting information concerning the possible causes of gas explosions.

In the meantime things continued to happen, glaring things that had become so commonplace with the plane hijackings, the Vietnam war and the violence in Ireland. No wonder the other explosions were being overlooked by the public.

Aerial explosions, not sonic booms, were heard by crowds of spectators during a tele-

vised aerobatic display at R.A.A.F. Richmond.

In an outer Sydney suburb, a pedestrian suddenly burst into flames. A taxi driver tried to smother the flames.

A Greek ship sank because a portable gas stove had exploded in the galley.

The town gas supply blew a hole in the middle of Pitt Street, Sydney, which shattered windows of the surrounding buildings.

On the same weekend explosions demolished a number of shops in Horsham, Victoria and in Launceston, Tasmania.

Tooths Brewery suffered a fire caused by an ammonia gas leak.

Factories, small shops, large business houses - they were everywhere.

A car exploded near Villawood, N.S.W. and another near Tempe, N.S.W. It was getting out of hand, but what could we do? If we told of our suspicions at this early stage in our investigations we would be laughed off the face of the earth!

On October 21, 1971 I received a reply to my enquiries from Mr. David L. Bryant, Departmental Manager of C.I.G., gases division. He wrote: "We must advise that we have no prior knowledge of reported U.F.O. sightings at the time of gas explosions.

"The gases you mention, namely ammonia, town gas and cylinder 'cooking gas', probably propane or butane, are all inflammable in air but require a source of ignition in order to burn or, in suitable circumstances, explode. The source of ignition may take many forms, i.e. an existing flame or the slower combustion of, say, a cigarette, a spark from electrical apparatus or produced mechanically by striking suitable objects, perhaps hot engine exhausts or components, catalytic surfaces (depending on the nature of the flammable gas). In particular, under suitable conditions, electromagnetic energy can excite gas to incandescence (which would of course ignite a flammable gas/air mixture) and this technique is widely used today for the creation of plasma.

"It is more difficult to provide examples of gas heating or ignition by sonic energy although no doubt there is a transient temperature rise due to the adiabatic compression of the sound wave.

"We trust that this information is of assistance to you in your future investigations."

(underscoring by author of article)

It certainly does help, Mr. Bryant, and I would like to thank you publicly for your assistance. Sonic and electromagnetic energy have long been connected with the UFO phenomenon. Now you have given us a definite connection.

I began to notice all types of disasters but knew that, to stay objective, I would have to pull myself into line. I began to wonder about the American astronauts who were killed in a space-capsule fire during a trial run of an Apollo rocket and about the many other Apollo rockets hit by lightning during launching.

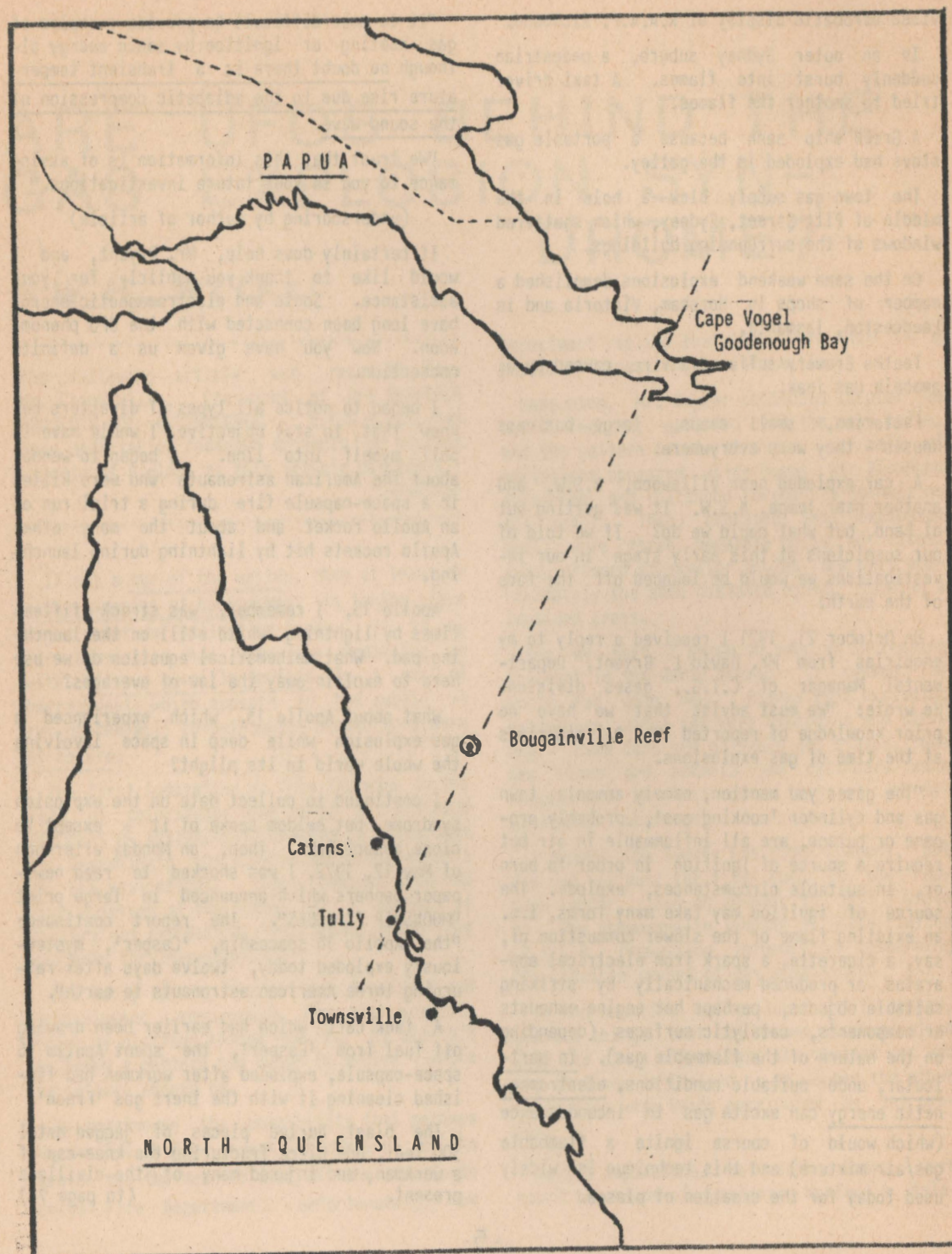
Apollo 15, I remember, was struck fifteen times by lightning while still on the launching pad. What mathematical equation do we use here to explain away the law of averages?

What about Apollo 13, which experienced a gas explosion while deep in space involving the whole world in its plight?

I continued to collect data on the explosion syndrome but seldom spoke of it - except to close associates. Then, on Monday afternoon of May 12, 1972, I was shocked to read newspaper banners which announced in large print "MOONSHIP EXPLODES". The report continued: "the Apollo 16 spaceship, 'Casper', mysteriously exploded today, twelve days after returning three American astronauts to earth".

A tank cart which had earlier been drawing off fuel from 'Casper', the spent Apollo 16 space-capsule, exploded after workmen had finished cleaning it with the inert gas 'Freon'.

The blast hurled pieces of jagged metal 300 feet, one piece fracturing the knee-cap of a workman, and injured many of the civilians present.
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being accompanied by an unknown craft. The UFO was described as oblate with what the pilot thought were exhaust gases coming from it. The UFO paced the DCB for from ten to fifteen minutes. The pilot, co-pilot and stewardess all confirmed the presence of the object to Control Tower. The pilot took photographs of the pacing object. That briefly was the report.

On arrival in Port Moresby, however, the pilot was told not to have his photographs developed in New Guinea, but to return to Australia with his film. The pilot, according to investigators, was met at Brisbane Airport and flown to Canberra where the film was taken from him. Both this pilot and the DCA man in the Townsville Control Tower were instructed not to talk about the incident. The tapes of the conversation between pilot and Control Tower were removed from Townsville by a DCA official.

Nothing now remained of this sighting except the memories of the witnesses - and these persons would have a lot to lose by remembering. The name of one witness is on file.

Two things we do know: the name of our UFO Investigator is John Meskell who was, in 1965, of the Criminal Investigation Branch, Townsville. And the man who was on duty the night the Bougainville Reef sighting occurred was soon transferred to Darwin - that's far enough to kill the keenest of UFO researchers!

This sighting has an interesting postscript: Fourteen months after the sighting, a Brisbane newspaper found out about it and all about the official security net surrounding it. They had their story, but were not free to publish the names of their informers! They rang the Queensland Bureau. Could they run the story in our name? Because we agreed with all the information they had gleaned for themselves, we agreed to be their 'mouthpiece'. What the reader didn't realise as he read the story in the Sunday paper, was that the facts were the newspaper's own facts, and not just words from

the mouth of the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau's spokesman! ●

ARE UFOS BEHIND THE GAS EXPLOSION SYNDROME? (from page 5)

According to the report, the explosion ripped holes in the 250 ft. high hangar roof and caused forty-six people to be taken to hospital, most of them suffering from inhalation of toxic fumes.

How was it possible that an ordinary operation, so commonplace and safe that civilians were allowed to be present, ended in such a shambles?

As always, no explanation was forthcoming, except that something had caused the temperature in the gas tank to rise.

I thought again of Mr. Bryant's advice: "No doubt there is a transient temperature rise due to the adiabatic compression of the sound wave".

If it was ultra-sonic sound beyond the range of human hearing which caused the explosion, it is no surprise to me that there was no official explanation, as the undetectable 'sonic villain' would leave no clues!

I have no idea whether or not these alien beings intend to occupy our planet. I prefer to believe that they have been here much too long not to have done so already - had they wished to do so. Still, I am convinced that UFOS are conducting a campaign of harassment. I do not pretend to know the reasons for their behaviour. Perhaps, like Zeus and other mythological gods of Olympus, they find pleasure in our violent self-destruction. ●

THIS SOCIETY WOULD APPRECIATE READERS' REPORTS ON U.F.O.s. PLEASE FORWARD TO:- P.O. BOX 43, MOORABBIN, VICTORIA 3189, AUSTRALIA.

ACTIVITY OVER TASMANIA- -1971

The Tasmanian Unidentified Flying Objects Investigation Centre was formed in November, 1965 and has been an active group since its inception.

Based in Hobart, the group meets at the Adult Education Centre in Argyle Street on the second Friday evening of every second month.

By kind permission of TUFOIC we are able to present the following excerpts from its publication.

We quote from the "Annual Report for 1971" published by the TASMANIAN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS INVESTIGATION CENTRE.

Postal address: 62 Leonard Ave., Moonah 7009.

CAR PACED AT CETHANA

On May 23, 1971 Mr. L.J. Riley was travelling home to Wilmot via the Cethana Dam Road, the time being 7.30 p.m. The sighting commences when he was about a mile west of the dam climbing uphill to the Cradle Mountain-Wilmot Road junction.

Mr. Riley noticed a flicking reflection on his driver's side window; winding down his window he saw a round, coal-red object pacing his vehicle some 100 to 150 feet away and about 100 feet high. Mr. Riley says he was travelling at 25 mph at the time. He felt a bit scared at first but says he suffered no after-effects, nor was his vehicle affected in any way.

The object was travelling behind timber growth and did cast a reflection on one of the

tree trunks it passed. Mr. Riley accelerated to 35 mph, then over the next mile and a half speeded up to 45 mph but the object still paced him at various distances, at one time being only 50 feet from the road. As he approached the top of the hill and road junction to Wilmot, the object pulled slightly ahead. He stopped at the junction to have a better look at the thing. It appeared the size of a 10.00 x 20 tyre but with no markings. At this stage, the object was some 100 to 150 yards away. No sound could be heard. Travelling in an up and down motion, the object went over the hill towards Wilmot. Mr. Riley continued on his way home and the object re-appeared after he had travelled some three quarters of a mile. Again it was on his right, but crossed the road ahead of him and paced him for a short distance from behind some tall trees. It finally disappeared down a deep gully on his left. The sighting lasted in all about 15 minutes.

BELL-SHAPED UFO SEEN AT BRIGHTON

It was a clear, frosty night as Mr. G. Purcell returned to his quarters during a C.M.F. camp at Brighton Army Camp. It was about 2.55 a.m., he recalled, on the 19th June 1971.

Purcell paused and glanced towards the night sky, the stars clearer than in the usual city view, bright and twinkling high above. Suddenly, he noticed a strange light to the south-east, which came from a strange object that was stationary above the paddock next to the camp. It was only some 200 yards distant and he was able to judge, from the pine trees that bordered the camp, that it was about

100 feet up.

The object was a squat bell-shape with a dull silver body area; there was a white hazy-like vapour around the top of the object which gave the impression of there being a glass dome on top. The object appeared to be 15 feet high and 20 feet across.

Purcell watched amazed as the mysterious object remained in its hovering position over the paddock; he made no attempt to approach any closer. Five minutes passed before the object moved 300 yards across the paddock directly in front of Purcell but still remaining beyond the pine trees. As it moved, the orange exhaust below strengthened, a vapour shot from beneath towards the ground, which the witness described as a rainbow, orange, red, green and blue to violet colours.

The vapour died away to an orange glow as the object came to a halt. All was silent as the stars twinkled above; Purcell could hear no noise from the object.

For about 3 minutes the object remained stationary, then another burst of exhaust heralded its next move. Silently, it rose slightly and moved away from the witness about 100 yards before hovering once again. A further 3 minutes elapsed before the object began to rise. As it climbed, it seemed to assume more of a disc-like shape, then it gave a flash and shot off into the north-eastern sky at high speed.

It was now about ten past three and Purcell was once more alone, the stars gleaming above and the frost crunching underfoot as he turned to continue on his way.

THE DECEMBER FLAP

The Flap Starts:

TUFOIC's Christmas present came early - starting on the evening of December 3, 1971 with a sighting from Sandy Bay beach of a saucer-shaped, white and gold object which shot up into the sky, then across to the horizon.

There followed on for the rest of the month a steady flow of reports; at the time of writing, the total is about two dozen. Good coverage in the press and on 7HO News has given TUFOIC good publicity and many witnesses have contacted the Centre direct.

Due to limited space, we cannot go into details of each report and possible findings and explanations. A valid comment would be that our 'arch rival' Venus could have been responsible for some of the reports not detailed here for that very reason.

From Claremont on December 4/5, we have reports of yellow-orange objects, and rocket-like UFOs crossing the sky north to south. They lit up the area and an explosion was heard prior to one report. This was followed the next evening by a report of two white, elongated objects being seen from the Elwick Drive-In. They moved north-east to south west at an elevation of 30° and were lost to sight near Mt. Wellington.

The night of December 7/8 brought two reports, one from New Town - most probably Venus - but the second from Lachlan proved to be very interesting.

Lachlan Case:

The longest sighting of the flap commenced at 10.55 p.m. at a Mr. A. de Blas' farm, of Forest Hill, Lachlan. Mr. de Blas was finishing irrigation work in his hopfield when he noticed a light approaching from the north. The object came closer and looked, to our witness, like a helicopter. It seemed to be making for the tractor as if using its lights as a reference for a landing. De Blas could see what looked like the cockpit bubble lit up by a red-orange glow as if from inside; to the left was a small bright, white light. With high tension lines across the hopfield, de Blas realised a landing there would be useless; he turned off the tractor's lights and engine. The object now was within a mile, gliding silently towards the hopfield. De Blas could hear no sound; he vacated the tractor and ran up the lane towards the farm. As he ran, he expected to hear a crash any second.

MISSILES FIRE ON HANOI UFO

BY JEAN THOROVAL OF AFP.

HANOI, Today. — A mysterious object appeared in the clear blue sky over Hanoi attracting missile fire from the ground but apparently remaining motionless.

As far as this correspondent could judge from the ground, even with the aid of binoculars, it was spherical in shape and a luminous orange in colour, and was clearly at a very high altitude.

Despite the slight breeze at ground level, the object did not move at all during the air raid alert triggered

off by its appearance above the North Vietnamese capital.

The sirens had hardly died away when three SAM missiles were launched, and their vapour trails could be seen converging on a luminous point which at first sight seemed to be a parachute.

Watching from the bal-

cony of the AFP office, however, this correspondent saw that this object remained almost immobile in space and was certainly not dropping towards the ground.

It was clear, too, that the missiles were unable to reach it, suggesting that the object had been released at a very high altitude.

One hour 20 minutes after the alert sounded, the orange ball was still visible from the ground, although it appeared less bright than before.

Of the many theories put forward in Hanoi to explain this object, one — supported by several foreign correspondents — was that it could be a new type of observation balloon to provide television pictures of activities in the Hanoi region. — AAP-Reuter.

"SATURDAY EVENING MERCURY"
Tasmania
30/9/72

Mystery flying object lights sky over Gippsland

By NICK MOUNTSTEPHEN

A strange, brilliantly-colored object in the South Gippsland sky is terrifying animals and scaring local people.

The blue and silver red-rimmed object was sighted yesterday morning and has been seen several times this week.

The RAAF has classified it "inexplicable".

Senior Sergeant Ron Tanian, of Traralgon police, said: "I have never seen anything like it".

Sgt. Tanian said he saw the object as "a silver ball in the sky" again yesterday morning.

Another Traralgon policeman, Constable Neil Davey, said the object changed from a blue and red color to a silver circular shape and moved away as dawn approached.

Residents who have seen the UFO say it hovers for a time, then shoots away with frightening speed and effect.

The first reported sighting was at Sheepwash Creek by John Dixon, 23, of Traralgon, as he pedalled to work along the Princes Highway.

Dixon said it hung in a bright blue cloud the size of a hotel only 200 feet above at 4.45 on Monday morning.

He raced back to Traralgon and told Constable Davey, the night-shift policeman, and the saleyards caretaker Jack Gilbert.

The three stood stunned in the police station doorway as the "thing" rose into the sky in the east. As day dawned the blue light withdrew and only a silver fluorescent circle remained.

After three days of investigation by Flight Lieutenant John Ogden, of the RAAF General Flying School at Sale, a

"THE AGE", MELBOURNE

classified Unidentified Flying Object report, marked "inexplicable", will be forwarded to the Air Department in Canberra.

Sightings marked "inexplicable" make up only one per cent. of the 595 investigated cases in the past 12 years.

The Perry family of Rosedale, 17 miles from Traralgon, rushed outside at about 10 on Monday night after their two-year-old gelding, Lucky, began screeching.

In the paddock "was this dazzling blue cloud of light with a cone-shaped object in the middle," Mrs. Kathleen Perry, 39, said yesterday.

Mrs. Perry's 15-year-old son, Brian, said: "It stayed for about 10 minutes and moved around slowly, hovering in different places."

"Then the light in the tail receded and only the oval or circular shape was left. After that it shot into the night."

14/9/72

Boisdale man
also sees ...

'Oval' light in sky

A Boisdale man saw Saturday night's unidentified flying object, reported by a Sale woman in Monday's Times.

Mr Trevor Harvey, 22, saw the object at the same time as Mrs Val Bland, of Picton Crt., Sale.

Mr Harvey, who has studied astronomy and says that 95 per cent of "flying object" sightings can be explained by natural phenomena, described the object as "a thin oval shaped light with a heavy central core."

"TOO CLEAR"

"I tried to pass it off as ball lightning but it was oval shaped and the night was too clear for that," said Mr Harvey today.

Mrs Bland described the object as a "dome of lights."

In the past few weeks the RAAF, East Sale, has investigated several UFO sightings in the Sale, Rosedale and Traralgon areas.

"TIMES" Sale, Vic.

5/10/72

Morwell, Vic.
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"LATROBE VALLEY EXPRESS"

UFO PROBE ON T'GON "LIGHT"

WHEN John Dixon of Whittakers Rd, Traralgon, was cycling to work at 4.30 am on Monday morning he was startled by a bright light near the Maffra railway overpass.

It lit the area with a big, bright, white light.

The object was 200 feet in the air, had red lights around it with a blue spear shaped light on top, Mr Dixon said later.

He went to the saleyards where the caretaker was working and they both watched the object.

Then Mr Dixon rode to the Traralgon police station where Const. Neil Davey was shown the strange phenomenon.

The object moved slowly in the sky across in the direction of Glen-garry where it hovered until 7 am.

Dogs in the area were barking savagely although the object made no noise.

The witnesses said that, as daylight approached, the object looked like a silver ball.

Then suddenly it went straight up in the air and out of sight.

An RAAF expert on UFOs, Flight Lieut. Allchin, was in Traralgon yesterday interviewing witnesses.

Anyone else who saw the strange object should contact the RAAF Base at East Sale or the Traralgon Police Station.

Sale woman sees a UFO

A Sale woman saw an unidentified flying object on Saturday night.

Mrs Val Bland, of Picton Crt., saw an illuminated object in the north-west sky at 7 p.m.

She described the object as "a bunch of lights in a dome shape moving at a fast speed from west to east."

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Mrs Bland said the lights were vivid blue-green, a color usually associated with an electrical flash.

The UFO was visible for only a few seconds.

Mrs Bland's sighting follows others by Sale and Traralgon policemen and RAAF members in the Sale and Rosedale areas in the past fortnight.

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On reaching the house, he could see what we will now call the UFO receding into the sky. He called out to his family to see the object. Mrs. de Blas recalls that the dogs at the time were kicking up a fuss.

Mr F.R. Nuttall remembers hearing on his car radio that the time was 11.20 p.m. as he passed the de Blas farm en route to work in New Norfolk. He saw what he thought at first was a light plane coming in for a crash landing. Then he realised it was stationary and at 30° elevation with an apparent size of 2" at arm's length. He could see a hat-shaped red glow with two amber orbs at the base of the hat. Nearing New Norfolk, the UFO was lost to view from the car's field of vision above the top of the windscreen.

The UFO was also seen by Mrs. S. Hansen who lives about a mile north of the de Blas farm. Also about 11.20 p.m., she saw a brazil nut shaped orange-red object to her north. She watched the object until 11.40 p.m. when it seemed to fade away towards Black Hills.

Meanwhile, Mr. de Blas had called Mr. D.R. Moults, the MERCURY rep. in New Norfolk. He and his sons had left New Norfolk at once and around 11.25 p.m. sighted the UFO half a mile from the farm. The Moults stopped to look at the object. They could see two orange-red circular lights with a third light to their left. They had an overall elliptical-shaped glow. The object was at a high angle, possibly up to 70° and seemed large and low. Moults lined up the UFO which started to move slowly north. Moving from the west they saw a bright white light, which stopped in mid-flight, pulsed three times then moved out of sight behind some hills. Unknown to the Moults, de Blas had flashed his spotlight at the light and claimed it had pulsed three times in reply.

The Moults returned to New Norfolk to check with the Airport that there were no planes in the area; the answer was in the negative. They also lost sight of the UFO near New Norfolk. It seemed to be lost above a cloudbank over the township. The Weather Bureau confirmed the cloud cover was at 3,000 feet and

decreasing as the night progressed.

After midnight the Moults returned to the farm and kept a vigil with Mr. de Blas until after 2.30 a.m., watching the original light gradually recede to the north. It seemed to be on a north-south beat never approaching as closely as on its previous position. Some further three to four lights were seen to approach the UFO from the west and one from the east. This seemed to merge with the parent light. The UFO at times faded out to the north and would then return, at one stage it illuminated the clouds above and behind it.

Returning home to New Norfolk, Mr. Moults recalls the UFO was lost to sight behind the hills to the north of New Norfolk. The case remains unexplained.

Flap Continues:

At 6.20 on the morning of December 15, 1971 Mrs. H. Parker of Bridgewater glanced across the river and a flash on the hill behind Granton caught her eye. She could see a round, silver object stationary by a patch on the hillside, and it seemed to flash like a mirror. After two minutes, it turned slowly to give a more oval-disc appearance. It rose up to the skyline, hovered for a minute and then was gone over the crest of the hill.

The next case with strong evidence for an UFO was on December 22, 1971 at 4.30 a.m. The witness was looking over the Kingston/Storm Bay area from Fern Tree when she noticed a disc like an inverted plate, which was a shiny light gold-yellow in a line between her and Betsy Island. The object seemed to be trailing a long, thin pipe. The witness watched the UFO for ten minutes. It slowly rose to a viewing angle above Betsy Island, then finally seemed to move away to the south-east, probably being obscured by a low, ragged cloud in that direction.

At the time of our Report being printed, sightings and investigations are continuing. A sighting of a moving orange-red light seen to the west from Lauderdale; five people who saw an oval-shaped object near Sorell the same

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MOUNT AIRY'S OWN UFO ENIGMA PUZZLES MANY (1947 - 1972)

G.D. Fawcett

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The following article was very kindly presented to this Society by one of our American members, Mr. George D. Fawcett of Mount Airy, North Carolina. We were interested to note the similarity between their sightings and witness' reactions and those experienced in this country.
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Amazed and Frightened Witnesses Agree:

MOUNT AIRY'S OWN UFO ENIGMA PUZZLES MANY
(1947 - 1972)

With the now current increase of worldwide UFO reports and a growing scientific interest in the problem being shown in many areas, the question of what has been reported locally always arises.

Local UFO researcher and investigator George D. Fawcett of Mount Airy checked through his Mount Airy, North Carolina files for the past 25 years and came up with some informative and interesting data. Mount Airy does have a problem and its characteristics follow the same pattern being reported globally. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of amazed and frightened eyewitnesses locally are using the same words used around the globe to describe their enigmatic encounters with the unknown.

Witnesses included clergymen, policemen, public servants, bankers, military men, farmers, technicians, mailmen, housewives,

students, businessmen, teachers, newsmen, night-watchmen, librarians, chauffeurs, merchants, pilots, amateur astronomers, all representing a cross-section of the population. Multi-witnesses and independent observers were involved, as well as single observers.

Since 1947 the quantity and the quality of the eyewitnesses have both improved in our hometown and surrounding communities. Mount Airy has a problem, admitted or not; and many observers of UFOs go to great extremes to avoid publicity, while many others speak with the courage of their convictions, because of their amazing observations. After weeding out planetary illusions, jet planes, balloons, meteorites, satellites and two known hoaxes involving plastic laundry bags and birthday candles and a dead dog inside a fake Mount Airy 'Muttnik', the rest of the Mount Airy UFO enigma still remains unexplained and worthy of further scientific investigation. The mystery cries for an explanation and begs for a final solution.

Prior to 1951 - when your investigator saw his first and only UFO while a senior at Lynchburg College, Virginia - most of the UFO reports in Mount Airy showed about 65% of the reported UFO encounters occurred at night, while the other 35% represented daylight sightings. All but 25% of those reported locally have logical explanations. But most important, only about 10% of the people who see UFOs report them to anyone, because of the fear of ridicule, loss of privacy and official or unofficial (self imposed) censorship. The 90% 'silent majority' in Mount Airy is yet to

be heard from, so that one of the purposes in writing this article is to encourage the reporting of these massive 'hidden UFO cases'.

Experiences of Mount Airy citizens in other states and countries are not included in this up-dated report. Over the years several reports of strange UFOs were made by many near the WPAQ and WSYD Radio Station towers in Mount Airy.

On September 12, 1952 Rev. Lawrence Phillips reported at 7 p.m. a bluish-green blunted cigar-shaped UFO, estimated to be about 5 feet wide and 12 feet long and moving towards Flatwoods, West Virginia, where shortly thereafter eight witnesses were frightened when they saw a landed UFO with a large "occupant" that emerged from it. On October 13, 1952 Coach Wallace Shelton and many of his football players stopped practice to watch a large white UFO that came straight down from a great height at 4.30 p.m. and stopped and was watched for 15 minutes. Some of the players reported hearing sounds coming from the UFO.

In the summer of 1954 H.A. Hair, Robert Ashby, J.S. McMillian and Donald C. Rector reported a huge UFO, cigar-shaped and "bigger than an automobile", reddish-orange in color and making a "swooshing noise" at 8.30 p.m. from a vantage point on top of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

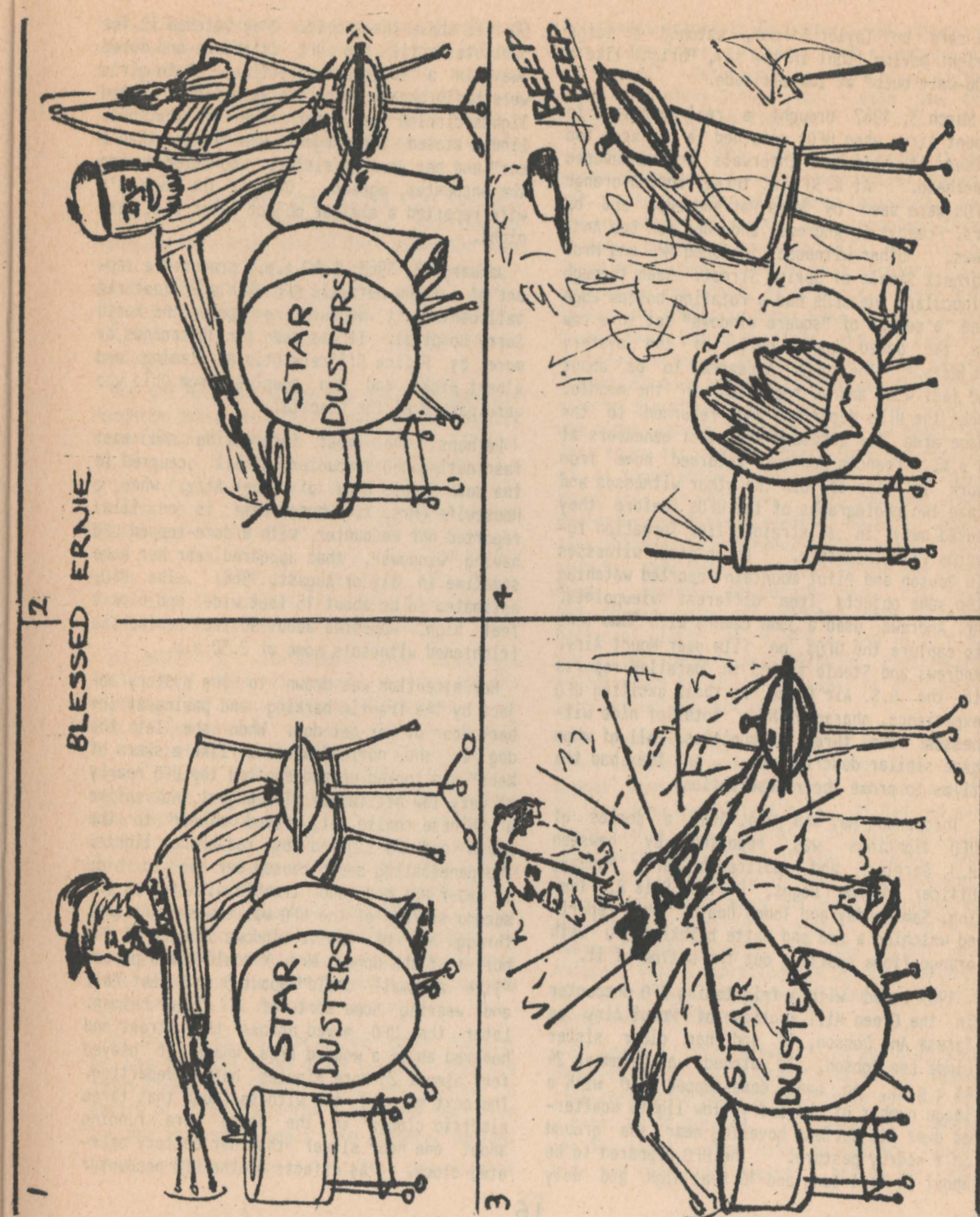
At 11.15 a.m. on January 19, 1962 Harry Epperson, Bill Bowman, Geprge Callaway, Alice Lockhart and dozens of other Mount Airy residents reported a white round UFO, EXTRA BRIGHT like the sun and very large, descending to the ground. Several witnesses reported what looked like a man at the bottom of the mystery object. The UFO was seen for 5 minutes and local police, county officers and highway patrolmen were unable to solve the mystery. Later during the same year, Buford King of Veterans Texaco Service and Nathan Simmons of Modern Motors were talking when an object, weighing over a pound, hit the ground with great force and left a mark on the station's paved entrance.

1965 proved to be an interesting year UFO-wise in Mount Airy. Johnny Parries salesman

for F. Rees Co., at 4.15 a.m. on July 31, 1965 reported watching a "yellowish-orange object shaped like a football" hovering over a smoke-stack near the Granite Quarry. The object had something on top of it that Parries could not make out. John Leys, Wesley Adams and Clyde Chandler of the Hennis Freight Lines, as independent observers watched the same object, described by them as being "the size of a goose egg", at the same time from another location. The UFO "moved up and down" during the period of observation for over 3 minutes. Two youngsters with last names of Edwards and Boyd reported to Mount Airy Police Station later the same week that they had watched a round, lighted object, about 6 to 8 feet in diameter for 2 minutes as it maneuvered 200 feet above the ground, also near the Granite Quarry.

On August 19, 1965 Mrs. I.E. Schumaker, while visiting her mother Mrs. W.H. Blackburn on Piper's Gap Road near the Toast Section of Mount Airy, was awakened at 3 a.m. by a sharp noise "like a steady buzzing" that caused vibrations to be sent against the house. When she lifted the window shade to investigate she saw a cigar-shaped object having a revolving yellow light rise above a nearby spruce tree, the front yard telephone pole and wires, execute a sharp left turn and then hover above some nearby oak trees, throwing the leaves to the ground in a semi-circle beside the home. Evidence from the visitation included "a perfect 12-foot circle surrounded by a 6-inch ring" impressed in the ground, a background increase above normal in the radiation count, and a large hole on the roof of the house, which had not been noticed prior to the sighting. Leaves on nearby trees also appeared disheveled. During the time of the encounter, just prior to the takeoff, Mrs. Schumaker reported she felt she had been struck by "an immobilizing power", for she could neither "move or speak". After the UFO left the ground, she was able to wake her mother finally in a nearby bedroom. Mrs. Schumaker had "headaches" the next day.

On September 6, 1965 two local policemen Sgt. K.T. Campbell and Patrolman Mac Cassell, along with ten other people and several others



in cars on Taylor Street, watched a large bright moving light in the sky, "bright like a 100-watt bulb" at low altitude.

March 3, 1967 brought a real surprise to Mount Airy when UFOs returned to the area two times at half-hour intervals and maneuvered overhead. At 8.30 p.m. three reddish-orange UFOs were seen by Miss Pat Andrews, and by Mrs. Francis E. Andrews and her son Bob Andrews. Other witnesses included Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Steele of Spring Street. Seen through binoculars the UFOs had a rotating bottom edge and a series of "square windows" set in a row on the domed upper part of the mystery objects. The UFOs appeared to be about 60 feet wide and 20 feet high in the middle. When the UFOs departed and returned to the same area for a second series of maneuvers at 9 p.m., Francis Andrews returned home from work in time to join the other witnesses and take two photographs of the UFOs before they moved away in a straight line formation towards Pilot Mountain. Three other witnesses in Dobson and Pilot Mountain reported watching the same objects from different viewpoints. Mr. Andrews used a 35mm camera with 50mm lens to capture the UFOs on film over Mount Airy. Andrews and Steele turned in detailed reports to the U.S. Air Force on their exciting UFO experience, shared with a total of nine witnesses from three communities, all of whom gave similar descriptions. And they had the films to prove their observations.

Throughout May and June, 1967 a series of UFO sightings was reported by newsmen R.J. Berrier and policemen Harry Monday, Officer Monroe Boggs, Officer Otis B. Fleming, Sam Monday and Tommy Heath. They reported watching a red and white blinking UFO with orange flame spurting out the bottom of it.

1967 ended with a frightening UFO encounter in the Green Hill section of Mount Airy as Teresa Ann Dobson, 12 and her older sister Linda Lee Dobson, 20 watched, on December 24 at 6 p.m., an oval dome-topped UFO with a large number of red and yellow lights scattered over its surface hovering near the ground in a nearby pasture. The UFO appeared to be about 30 feet long and 10 feet high and only

50 feet above the ground. They watched it for 5 minutes until the UFO lifted up and moved away in a southwest direction. Both girls were badly shaken up by the experience. Red lights circled the outer edge of the UFO. Linda stated the object was "larger than a car" and her younger sister, who cried during the encounter, agreed. Officer Jim Sawyers's wife reported a similar object later that same night.

January 18, 1968, 4.40 a.m., produced a report of a round metallic UFO with a 25 foot red tail behind it maneuvering above the North Surry Hospital. It was seen for 15 seconds or more by Police Officers Otis B. Fleming and Albert Hicks and two couples from Ohio who were parked at the hospital.

Perhaps the most interesting and most fascinating UFO encounter of all occurred in the Buck Shoals area of Mount Airy, when a housewife (Mrs. X, whose name is on file) reported her encounter with a dome-topped UFO having "windows", that appeared near her home sometime in July or August, 1968. The UFO, estimated to be about 15 feet wide and 6 or 7 feet high, appeared about 90 feet behind the frightened witness's home at 2.30 a.m.

Her attention was drawn to the mystery object by the frantic barking and pawing at the back door of her pet dog. When she let the dog in she noticed a sound "like a swarm of bees" and looked up and spotted the UFO nearby at very low altitude. The object, not unlike a Chinese coolie hat, moved closer to the house and was lighted by red-orange lights. The penetrating sound caused her to hide up under her bed and tremble with fear. The second storey of the UFO was transparent and, through one of twelve windows located at the bottom of the dome, Mrs. X could see a person "like a small child" about 3 to 4 feet tall and wearing some sort of a silver helmet. Later the UFO moved across the street and hovered above a wooded area, where it stayed for almost 25 more minutes before departing. The next morning the witness found that three electric clocks in the house were running about one hour slower than her battery operated clock. As effects of the UFO encounter

the witness suffered sleeplessness, dimming of vision and headaches - physiological effects on observers of close-range UFOs reported before in many countries. A power failure was reported in her neighbourhood that night, a characteristic also globally documented before over many years.

Later in the same year a Flat Rock resident reported a missile-shaped UFO, described as being 20 feet long and 10 feet wide (the size of a small aircraft), and three other witnesses thought that the unexplained object, trailing red-blue flames, had landed on a nearby hillside but no follow-up investigation was conducted.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hiatt and their 13 year old daughter Betsy in the Shelton town community reported that they saw, on August 4, 1968 at 10.45 p.m., a bright UFO that looked "like a bright flare with a little pole (antenna?) running up to a grayish looking round object at the top of the pole". As the UFO began to turn near their home, sparks dropped off the outer edge. The family members took turns examining the object for 5 minutes through binoculars as it maneuvered overhead.

On March 13, Jim Barber and his son Blair, Jr., aged 11 became the first UFO reporters for Mount Airy as 1971 opened. At 7 a.m. they watched an object about the size of an automobile that flashed purple, green, blue, orange and white lights. The UFO appeared to be disc-shaped and had a "bubble dome" with windows (six in a row) around its middle. Yellow light poured from the windows as the UFO circled their car near the Lowgap Wildlife Club before it shot straight up in the sky and disappeared in the distance. The UFO was seen for a timed 15 minutes before it finally left the area. Both eyewitnesses were more than just a little bit excited by the appearance of the enigmatic object.

On January 16, 1972 chauffeur Robert Ferguson was startled as he drove his car near the Jones Elementary School when, at 11 p.m., a series of three blood-red discs came down from the sky at a sharp angle and appeared to land in a nearby wooded area. Similar reports that

frightened motorists in Exeter, New Hampshire and in Ann Arbor, Michigan and elsewhere are on record. School children who lived in the Jones Elementary School area, also saw the brilliantly lighted discs.

From 1951 to 1965 other area residents had personal encounters with such similar phenomena. Former librarian Mrs. Louise Ball was one of three witnesses who reported three aluminum colored disc-shaped UFOs, the size of large truck wheels flying in a straight line, one behind the other, at 4.30 p.m. These UFOs left smoke trails in their wake. ASCS State Committeeman Claude W. Thore and his daughter reported seeing a large reddish-orange cigar-shaped UFO move horizontally across the sky in a North direction at 5.30 p.m. The weather was clear and the UFO appeared to be about 500 feet above the ground. Harry Epperson reported a round white circular UFO flying over Mount Airy at 12 noon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abernathy and Bobby Puckett of Route 1, Mount Airy watched in amazement as two round flying objects made "odd movements" in the sky overhead. Lawrence and Dorothy Lowe, Bill Lowe and Thomas Tate all watched UFOs on two different nights at 9.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. The mystery objects were circular, fluorescent in color and "flashing at times" as they moved in a westerly direction.

On February 25, 1972 at 7 p.m. student Danny Lee Forest watched a round UFO, with a small dome, that appeared to be around 25 feet long and 12 feet high. It had red and white lights and gave off a "faint smell of gunpowder", the witness stated. Danny, who lives on Lewis Drive in Mount Airy, reported he started shaking when the UFO first appeared above the car port at his home. He felt a "wave of heat" coming off the object and noticed that a vibration had started between his shirt and his arms. Finally, the UFO moved away to the North.

On April 3, 1972 between 5.15 and 5.45 a.m. many residents in Winston, Salem and Mount Airy reported a pear-shaped UFO in the sky for a total of 30 minutes. It gave off a "white chalky" light. Mrs. Rufus W. Walters, housewife and former art teacher, one of the local

witnesses, reported that the UFO was so bright that its light was reflected on the side of the cross on top of the First Baptist Church on North Main Street in Mount Airy, N.C. Other reports are still under investigation by this writer.

A study of the Mount Airy "Whatniks" over the past quarter-century has proven to be a very interesting and fascinating one. Mount Airy, like many other small towns and cities around the globe, has been plagued with UFO landings, occupants, car chases, physiological effects, photographs, severe animal reactions, electro-magnetic interferences, radiation increases above normal, fragments, witnessed protrusions on the UFOs, smells attributed to UFO appearances and multiple witnesses and independent observers. And, as if this isn't enough, credible persons from all walks of life are still continuing to report these crazy and incredible flying and landing UFOs. For Mount Airy, as well as for other states in the U.S.A. and foreign countries as well, the UFO enigma continues.

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THE MERRICKS INCIDENT

This unusual sighting which took place at Merricks in Victoria occurred between 8.30 and 8.45 p.m. on Friday June 16, 1972.

Bill Meerton was leaving his house to go out, when he noticed an orange light shining through the kitchen window. Thinking he had accidentally left an inside light on, he went inside again only to discover that no lights were switched on. However, on stepping out the back door, he was confronted with thirty orange lights coming from a single, solid, dull metallic object which was 30ft. long and 15ft. high.

The whole background was lit up by the object, and he noticed at the same time that there was a very strong wind blowing which blew the door out of his hand and bent the pine trees in his backyard. The object itself was resting on the ground about 200 yards away and the noise it was making, which sounded like a Mix-master, was driving Bill Meerton's cows berserk.

Suddenly and almost instantaneously the craft rose and, while it was doing so, Bill observed three blue lights either under the object or above it. The whole sighting lasted about a minute and a half with the object disappearing in a westerly direction at a very, very fast speed. The night was still, fine and starry with no clouds and with not even a moon visible.

The terrain of the area was flat pasture sown paddock with bordering hills, and situated only a few miles from both Flinders Naval Depot and the training academy at Crib Point. Unfortunately the object did not leave any physical evidence of its presence such as burn marks or disturbed ground. However there was one interesting effect from the U.F.O.'s (to page 20)

REVIEWING...

PASSPORT TO MAGONIA by Jacques Vallee.

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The sub-title of this book 'From Folklore To Flying Saucers' might just as easily have been 'From Fairies To Flying Saucers' since the author seeks to make a direct connection between the two subjects. In this respect the book is similar to 'The Flying Saucer Vision' by John Michell, but the material itself is completely different consisting almost solely of fairy lore and other humanoid material.

From the general U.F.O. enthusiast's point of view, one of the interesting revelations to come out of this study is that the Rogle River Pancake incident, long ridiculed by the serious U.F.O. researchers, must now assume much more credibility and importance than has been hitherto accorded it. Then again, a new light of credibility has been thrown on that most famous of all U.F.O. cases - the Betty and Barney Hill abduction.

However, by far the most interesting and informative thing in the book is the section in Chapter 9 entitled Daemionalitas. I think most people will find it most enlightening to say the least, and if it doesn't convert people to the belief that The Church knows more than it's telling, I don't know what will.

In conclusion, there is just one criticism that can be made of the English edition. When one comes to the last part of Chapter 5, one finds references to various case numbers, stated by the chapter notes to be listed in the Appendix. However, on looking at the back of the book for the Appendix, one finds there

is none. The English publishers have apparently felt it necessary to leave it out, for whatever reason I do not know, but it is disconcerting to say the least, as the impact of two-thirds of the last chapter is lost without the reference notes, not to mention the loss of the reference material itself.

On the other hand, the English edition (as distinct from the American edition) is cheaper - \$6.65 for the English version as against \$7.70 for the American version which, incidentally, includes six pages of photographs and an index - plus the Appendix. I am sure many people will want to use the book as a reference, and an index would not have gone amiss. I should add that this criticism is in no way meant as a reflection upon the Australian representatives, Thomas C. Lothian, who have done an excellent job of promoting the book and who have been gracious enough to donate a copy to this Society. For this reason I was most reluctant to make any adverse criticism whatsoever but I felt that Neville Spearman should be at least made aware that, for this type of book in particular, abridged versions just will not do.

- Michael McNamara

A DWELLER ON TWO PLANETS by Phyllos.

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This book is one of the most, if not the most spiritually uplifting that I have ever read. Whether you regard the story as fact or fiction you cannot fail to be moved by it. The book is divided into three parts and is actually three books in one - each one telling a complete story.

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The first book tells the story of a man called Zailym, an influential and powerful citizen of Atlantis. The second concerns an American, Walter Pearson and the history of Mt. Shasta. The third book returns to the subject of Atlantis again. In fact, the books tell the story of Phyllos through various earthbound lives and progressive stages of spirituality.

The book as a whole is very definitely one dealing with the subject of reincarnation. However, in no way can it be classed with the usual run-of-the-mill book on this subject. It must be given more consideration in view of the fact that it was copyrighted in 1894 and published in 1899. This was before many of the inventions mentioned in the book came to fruition and some, for that matter, have yet to be perfected in this so called modern progressive world.

The book was written by F.S. Oliver, allegedly under the guidance of Phyllos. It mentions such things as the electric cable car, the changing of matter (by changing its atomic structure), nuclear power and anti-gravity propulsion (especially in the form of the vailx airship which reminds me so much of the cigar-shaped U.F.Os.), X-rays, television, not to mention the laser. Furthermore, in the second book, the constellation of the Pleiades is mentioned as being inhabited, and we all know what the book 'Chariots of the Gods' says about it.

There are many inventions in 'A Dweller on Two Planets', which I cannot name because they deal specifically with physics and chemistry. However, I recommend any scientist or engineer who has not read the book to make the effort to do so, for I am sure he would find it most illuminating and conducive to gaining new ideas and new insights into his subject which, in turn, may lead eventually to new inventions and, even more importantly, to new concepts of existence.

I further recommend that everyone else in the Society read this book; especially those seeking mental and spiritual growth and ful-

filment which means most of us. I am sure that many people will derive great comfort from this book, especially in times of stress and depression. I commend the publishers, Neville Spearman, for publishing the book for so long and I urge them to continue to do so. I look forward to reading the sequel 'An Earth Dweller's Return'. ●

- Michael McNamara

ACTIVITY OVER TASMANIA - 1971.

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night (December 26). The latest report is of a low-flying object which moved across the sky near Margate. Should sightings continue, TUFOIC will print further details in a news-sheet early in the New Year (1972). ●

THE MERRICKS INCIDENT

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visit, one which is often associated with U.F.O. sightings, his I.V. and radio reception was non-existent because of static. Another unusual reaction was his own - while the object was around he felt very calm but when it left he became very scared. Mr. Meerton believes that the object was occupied because, as he put it, "What else could land in such an enclosed area?" ●

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